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 SERIAL NO: 09/973,235
 FILED: October 10, 2001
 FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC HEAD ASSEMBLY,
 MAGNETIC STORAGE SYSTEM



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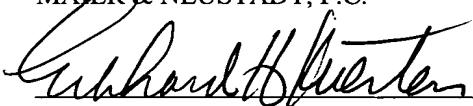
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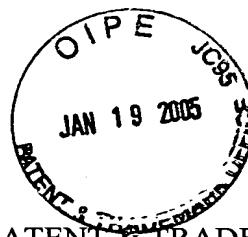
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In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

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